President.—Under Standing Order 51, it is within the discretion of the President to put first to the vote either the original motion or any amendment which may have been brought forward. I put the original resolution to the vote of the House.

It was lost and the amendment was declared lost.

Order of Resolutions to be taken up.

Mr. CHAKKO CHERUVATHUR.

A point of order. There is a ruling made by the President that a resolution hereafter to be taken up in this meeting will be in the order of the ballot. That is, there is the ballot order for the resolutions tabled for this meeting, and all the resolutions will have to be exhausted before the resolutions sent in for the next meeting must be taken. I shall quote the rules in connection with these resolutions. Vide Standing Order 6, clause 2, and the rules framed thereunder on page 49 of the *Manual*, and in Standing Order 6, clause 1, it is stated that the Diwan, after considering the state of business of the Council, shall, at the commencement of each session, allot as many days as are in his opinion compatible with public interests for the business of the non-official members in the Council, and may, from time to time, during the session, alter such allotment, and on these days such business shall have precedence. At all other times, Government business shall have precedence. At times when Government business has precedence, the Secretary may arrange the business of the Council in such manner as the Diwan may direct.

So that for our meetings the members are given 15 days' time for submitting the resolutions, and the Secretary is to place all these before the members a week before the meeting day—all the resolutions which he has received up-to-date. Hence all the resolutions received previous to this meeting and also subsequent to this meeting till two weeks before the next meeting will have to be placed on the table and ballotted next time.

President.—Is it your point that a resolution which has already been ballotted should be ballotted again?

Mr. CHAKKO CHERUVATHUR.

Otherwise, I think there will be 70 or 80 resolutions now, and we may probably be able to take up only four or five resolutions during this meeting, and all these will have to be exhausted.

President.—These will not lapse as in the case of the last session, so that at the next meeting all these will come in order.

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There may be more important resolutions which may be more conducive to the good of the people and which may according to the ballot order come only later.

Mr. CHAKKO CHERUVATHUR.

I do not think there is anything in the rules in the way of what I have said.

President.—There is a ballot order now showing in what order the resolutions should be taken up, and in so much as they do not require fresh notices, these resolutions will not lapse. The resolutions which come up hereafter will likewise be ballotted, but not those in regard to which a certain order has been obtained. They will first be taken up in order at the next meeting and exhausted before the fresh ones are tabled.

Mr. CHAKKO CHERUVATHUR.

What I submit is that the rule is for the discussion of the resolutions which have already been ballotted in the previous meeting. They are again to be ballotted, because members are bound to send in these resolutions two weeks before the meeting of the Council.

President.—If admitted before two weeks, they are entitled to be ballotted according to the rule in Standing Order 6, clause (2), but not the resolutions which have already been ballotted.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

Does it expressly say that all previous resolutions should be ballotted for the next meeting? The next meeting is a continuous meeting like this. To-morrow we have a meeting. It is only an adjournment of the meeting that we have next. If it is a new session, I can understand it. But this is the same session. The rule also refers to a meeting. That question does not arise here. In order to avoid further confusion at the next meeting, it may be decided one way or the other.

President.—Now that you have brought it to my notice, I shall again consider that matter. Now, it is time to move the resolution standing in the name of Mr. Mathew.

Representation for the Council on Committees.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Sir, I rise to move the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends to the Government to give representation to the elected members of the Legislative Council, as far as possible, on all Committees appointed by the Government".

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